



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Milligan et al.

Serial No. 09/919,699

Filed: 07/31/2001

For: FLUID EJECTING DEVICE
WITH FLUID FEED SLOT

Art Unit: 2853

Examiner: Nguyen, L.

February 28, 2003

*#8/Response
Amended
3/13/03*

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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This is in response to an office action mailed December 2, 2002 in the above-referenced application.

REMARKS

In the office action mailed December 2, 2002, the examiner rejected Claims 15-27 as allegedly being unpatentably obvious over US 5,658,471 (Murthy) in view of US 5,867,192 (Mantell).

In the Office Action, the examiner alleged that:

"it would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form the ink feed slots disclosed by Murthy et al. by the process of the deep reactive ion etching followed by anisotropic wet etching as disclosed Mantell et al. The motivation of doing so is to form ink feed slots having a relative small opening and a special shape for optimal performance as taught by Mantell et al. (Column 1, line 5-8 and column 2, line 1-5)."

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee (Address envelope to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")
() Other: (fee \$)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	13	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	4	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$410.00	3RD MONTH \$930.00	4TH MONTH \$1450.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

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